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MEMORANDUM

**TO: School Counselors of Tennessee Public High Schools  
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Social Studies Department Chairpersons**

**FROM: Brenda Ables,  
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**SUBJECT: United States Senate Youth Program 2007-2008**

**DATE: August 1, 2007**

I am pleased to announce that Tennessee will once again participate in the *United States Senate Youth Program*.

Placed on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 2006-2007 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, *The United States Senate Youth Program* provides an amazing opportunity for qualifying youth. Not only will the selected youth spend the week of March 1-8, 2008 in Washington D.C., but the student delegates will be immersed in Washington activities throughout the week's stay. Visits to the Senate, House of Representatives, Supreme Court and the Pentagon are interspersed with visits to various Smithsonian museums. Delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials of the Departments of State and Defense.

All expenses will be covered by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. And, if that's not enough, the foundation will make available to each delegate a **five thousand dollar scholarship award**, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in the program rules. Certificates representing a \$5,000 scholarship award will be presented to delegates during their visit to Washington - often personally by their senators.

Any high school junior or senior is eligible provided he or she is currently serving in an elected or selected capacity in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations:

1. Student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer
2. Class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer
3. Student council representative
4. Student representative elected or selected (selected by a panel, commission or board) to district, regional or state level civic or educational organizations.

Each student must be a permanent resident of the United States and currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school located in the state in which either one of his or her parents or guardians resides. (For exceptions to this, see the official program brochure.)

Any school wishing to submit a representative for district competition should follow the instructions outlined in the attached **Tennessee Procedures for Participation in the United States Senate Youth Program, 2007-2008.** A school should submit only one candidate. All application forms may be found at: [www.state.tn.us/education/ci/cisenateyouthapp05.pdf](http://www.state.tn.us/education/ci/cisenateyouthapp05.pdf). If you have any problems or questions regarding this program please contact me at 615.741-5273, or by email at [Brenda.Ables@state.tn.us](mailto:Brenda.Ables@state.tn.us) or my secretary, **Lana Ream** at 615 253-6023 or by email at [Lana.Ream@state.tn.us](mailto:Lana.Ream@state.tn.us). Thank you for your support of our Tennessee students and the United States Senate Youth Program.

